

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-7, 10-16, 20, 22-28 and 32-36 are pending.

Claims 8-9, 17-19, 21, and 29-31 are canceled.

**I. Amendment to the Specification**

The specification is amended to claim priority as a continuation of patent application 09/490,918, filed on June 25, 2000, now issued as a patent.

**II. Claim Amendments**

Claims 1-3, 25-26, 28 and 32 have been amended to clarify what the applicants consider to be their invention. The amendments are fully supported by the specification and do not incorporate any new matter.

**III. New Claims**

Claim 33-36 has been added and the new claims contain no new matter. Support for claims 33-36 are found throughout the specification.

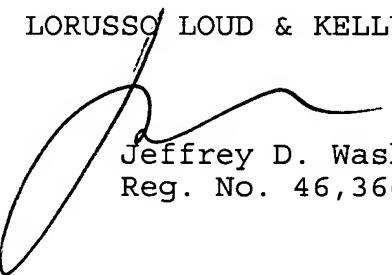
**IV. Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully request that the claims of the continuation application be allowed and a notice of allowance is solicited. If any issues remain, Applicants request that the undersigned counsel be contact via collect call to resolve the issue.

Please feel free to call collect with any questions regarding this submission or any matters relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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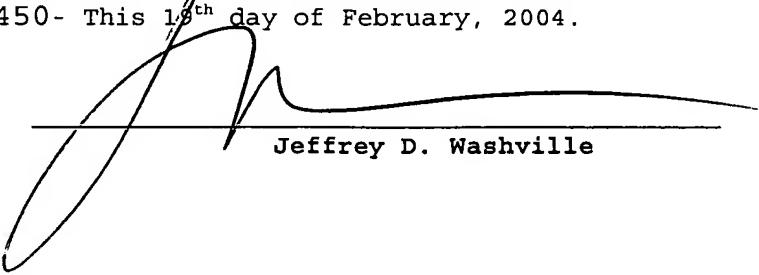
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